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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FONMIN PATTERSON ON SUMMIT

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM UNDER SECRETARY
COOPER TO FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON:

2. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE
WE HAD WITH PRIMEMINISTER MANLEY AND YOU PROVED TO BE VERY
USEFUL FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE BONN SUMMIT.

THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DISCUSSING
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ISSUES OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO RELATIONS BETWEEN
DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, WHEN THEY
CONSIDERED BROAD TOPICS SUCH AS GROWTH AND INFLATION, ENERGY,
AND TRADE, THEY GAVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE INTERESTS AND
VIEWS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS ATTENTION WAS REFLECTED
CLEARLY IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

MOST OF THE MAJOR TOPICS WE DISCUSSED IN KINGSTON WERE TAKEN UP AT THE SUMMIT. FOR INSTANCE, AS YOU SUGGESTED, THE COMMUNIQUE EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT THE ECONOMIES OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS VICE VERSA.

ALSO, YOU HAD URGED GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON ENERGY ISSUES. AT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO STRENGTHEN ENERGY RELATED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO BRING ON STREAM RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THE WORLD BANK MIGHT TO A STILL GREATER DEGREE ADDRESS ENERGY CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, AND THAT THE BANK STUDY HOW AID FOR THIS PURPOSE MIGHT BE INCREASED AND MADE MORE EFFECTIVE IN THE AREAS OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES.

THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE, PARTICULARLY THE IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ACCESS FOR THEIR EXPORTS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY MARKETS AND THE NEED FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THEY STRESSED, AS YOU HAD URGED, THAT THE FINAL MTN PACKAGE SHOULD DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH SUCH MEASURES AS SPECIAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT AS DEVELOPING NATIONS ENJOY GREATER BENEFITS FROM THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM THEY SHOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE GREATER OBLIGATIONS TO IT.

THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AT BONN. THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT THEIR COUNTRIES WOULD WORK TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS, ENDEAVOR TO REACH AGREEMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND EXPLORE OTHER WAYS TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS.

THE SUMMIT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED AT BONN THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE AN INCREASED FLOW OF RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST IN NEED. IN THIS REGARD, THEY PLEDGED TO SUPPORT REPLENISHMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE ORDINARY AND CONCESSIONAL FACILITIES OF THE MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS. THEY SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR A REPLENISHMENT OF IDA WHICH WOULD PERMIT ITS LENDING TO RISE ANNUALLY IN REAL TERMS.

THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS ALSO RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF FLOWS OF PRIVATE RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE CO-FINANCING

OF PROJECTS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT BANKS AND THEY STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CREATE INVESTMENT CLIMATES WHICH WILL ATTRACT THE PRIVATE RESOURCES WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO GROWTH AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE NEED FOR INCREASED RESOURCE TRANSFERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE QUESTION OF THE COMECON COUNTRIES' EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD WERE TAKEN UP. INVITATIONS FROM PREVIOUS SUMMIT CONFERENCES TO THE COMECON COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD PRODUCED NO PERCEPTIBLE RESULTS. SO THIS TIME THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS DECIDED TO EXPRESS THEIR REGRET AT THE FAILURE OF THOSE COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHARE OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, IN ADDITION TO REPEATING THE INVITATION FOR THEM TO DO SO.

THE BONN SUMMIT DEALT EFFECTIVELY AND SYMPATHETICALLY WITH THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT LAID A GOOD BASIS FOR THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE IN A PRAGMATIC, REALISTIC WAY TO FORGE WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM INCREASINGLY RESPONSIVE TO THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU FURTHER IN THIS EFFORT.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD N. COOPER CHRISTOPHER

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